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Members of the Connecticut General Assembly Judiciary Committee,  
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I am writing to submit testimony in opposition to S.B. No. 16, as well as H.B. No. 5416.

Although ostensibly addressing gun violence and juvenile crime, S.B. 16, in its 52 pages or so, seems to do little of either. Most of the proposed bill is, in fact, a list of yet more restrictions on legal gun owners, law-abiding citizens exercising their precious constitutional rights.

I am a physician and work in Waterbury, an area not unfamiliar with violent crime. Daily, I have the opportunity to peruse the local paper, and it seems that most, if not all violence, including gun violence, is committed by criminals with histories, who pay no heed to laws or normal social contracts. The violence and mayhem they visit on society will not be addressed or even touched by S.B. 16. Banning guns or gun features and restricting legal carry of firearms will only affect the good folks. I appreciate the Governor's idea of being tough on crime, but please, let's be tough on criminals.

And H.B. 5416 is simply absurd. Please discard that.

I do, however, favor supporting S.B. No. 388, An Act Concerning the Defense of a Person or Person's Dwelling, Place of Work, or Motor Vehicle, H.B. No. 5415, An Act Concerning the Transfer of Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines, and H.B. No. 5412, An Act Concerning the Duty to Retreat in a Religious House of Worship.

In short, please oppose bills S.B. 16 and H.B. 5416.

Sincerely,

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